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BEFORE THE

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Advance Plans for Construction of Facilities as Filed With the
Commission for Review and Approval Pursuant to Sec. 196.496, Stats.

05-EP-8

NOTICE OF HEARING FOR PHASE II OF ADVANCE PLAN 8

Hearings begin July 20, 1998, 10:00 a.m., at the Public Service Commission, 610 North Whitney Way, Madison. The public is welcome to attend.	
Pre-filed Testimony is Due: June 29, 1998, 12:00 noon	Send to: Donna L. Paske, Hearing Examiner Public Service Commission P.O. Box 7854 Madison, WI 53707-7854
Fax Deadline for Pre-filed Testimony: June 26, 1998, 12:00 noon	

Hearings specifically for the public will be held as follows:

Holiday Inn Airport 2580 South Ashland Avenue Green Bay, Wisconsin	July 27, 1998, 2:00 and 7:30 p.m.
U.W. Conference Center 1015 Reserve Street Stevens Point, Wisconsin	July 28, 1998, 2:00 and 7:30 p.m.
Public Service Commission 610 North Whitney Way Madison, Wisconsin	July 30, 1998, 2:00 and 7:30 p.m.

<p>Written Comments From The Public Via U.S. Mail Are Due:</p> <p>August 10, 1998</p>	<p>Address Comments to:</p> <p>Nancy Korda Public Service Commission P.O. Box 7854 Madison, WI 53707-7854</p>
<p>Written Comments From The Public Via Fax Are Due:</p> <p>August 7, 1998</p>	

About every two years, electric utilities file long-range generation and transmission line plans with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (Commission) for approval pursuant to s. 196.491(2)(a), Stats. This statute requires that the electric utilities describe the types of facilities they plan to construct, own, operate, or remove from service in the next ten years. Alternative locations, fuel types, and methods of generation for proposed generation facilities must be identified and analyzed. No electric generating plant of a capacity equal to 100 megawatts or more, and no electric transmission line of 100 kilovolts or more and longer than one mile, can be built in Wisconsin without a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) from the Commission under s. 196.491(3), Stats. Until December 31, 1998, (when the statutes will change and require a Strategic Energy Assessment instead of an Advance Plan), the Commission cannot grant a CPCN unless the proposed facility is included in the most recently approved Advance Plan (AP). To receive Commission approval an AP must meet the following criteria:

1. It must identify a reasonably adequate supply of electrical energy to meet the needs of the public.
2. It must be in the public interest when considering engineering, economic, health, safety, reliability, efficiency, environmental factors, and alternate methods of generation and sources of supply.
3. It must be reasonably coordinated with the long-range plans and policies of other agencies.
4. It must include programs which discourage inefficient and excessive use.

The utilities (Dairyland Power Cooperative; Northern States Power Company; Superior Water, Light, and Power Company; Madison Gas and Electric Company; Wisconsin Electric Power Company; Wisconsin Power and Light Company; Wisconsin Public Service Corporation; Manitowoc Public

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Utilities; and Wisconsin Public Power, Inc.) filed required information for Advance Plan 8 (AP-8) on May 16, 1997; June 16, 1997; and July 25, 1997. The information filed on those dates constituted the required information for Phase I, as the Commission ordered on April 11, 1997, in docket 05-BE-103.

Docket 05-BE-103 investigated the need for changes to the AP. As a result of that docket, the Commission ordered that AP-8 should be processed in two phases. In Phase I the Commission approved energy and demand forecasts, demand-side-management (conservation) data, and supply parameters for use in modeling the supply plans that would be submitted in Phase II. Copies of the utilities' Phase I filing and the resulting Commission order or summary of the order can be obtained by calling Gail Hanson at (608) 267-2896.

On January 15, 1998, and February 16, 1998, the utilities filed the required information for Phase II of AP-8. In Phase II the Commission will approve, disapprove, or modify the utilities' filed plans. The Commission will also address several other questions that are included on its approved issue list.

The Commission conducted a scoping process in February and March 1998. The parties proposed issues and the Commission approved a final issue list. A prehearing conference was held April 17, 1998, where the Commission approved issues list was marked as Exhibit 43. Parties are bound by the decisions regarding the issues and the schedule made at the prehearing conference and by the Commission.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to s. 196.491(2)(g), Stats., the Commission will hold a hearing beginning on July 20, 1998, at 10:00 a.m. in the Amnicon Falls Hearing Room at the Public Service Commission Building, 610 North Whitney Way, Madison, Wisconsin. Prefiled testimony is due in the hands of parties on June 29, and at the Commission by noon on June 29, 1998. Rebuttal testimony is due in the hands of parties on July 13, and at the Commission by noon on July 13, 1998. Surrebuttal testimony is due at 10 a.m. in the hearing room the first day of the hearing. Any testimony filed electronically must be filed 24 hours earlier. The Public Service Commission building is accessible to people in wheelchairs through the Whitney Way first floor lobby entrance. Parking for people with disabilities is available on the south side of the building. Any person with a disability who needs additional accommodations should contact Richard Teslaw at (608) 267-9766.

The purpose of this hearing is to develop a record to be used by the Commission for making its decisions. The record will include: 1) technical testimony of Commission staff, utility personnel, and expert witnesses; 2) testimony of members of the public; and 3) cross-examination of witnesses to clarify the issues in the case. The hearings that begin July 20, 1998, are held to hear the prepared testimony of experts, but the public is welcome to attend and participate. The public will be allowed to address any AP-8 issue, including those from Phase I, at any hearing.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this matter is considered to be a Class 1 proceeding as defined in s. 227.01(3)(a), Stats.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Commission staff shall file a synopsis or summary of the testimony or other evidence presented at the hearing in this case. The parties, pursuant to s. 196.24(3), Stats, as amended by 1997 Wisconsin Act 204, Section 24, may demonstrate that a synopsis or summary is not sufficiently complete or accurate to fairly reflect the relevant and material testimony or other evidence presented at the hearing.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that pursuant to s. 196.491(2)(g), Stats., hearings designed specifically for taking testimony from the public will be held in several locations: Holiday Inn Airport, Green Bay; U.W. Conference Center, Stevens Point; and the Commission building in Madison. The dates and locations are listed at the beginning of this notice. At each site there will be an information room and a hearing room. Commission staff will make short presentations in the information room at 1:30, 3:00, 7:00, and 8:00 p.m. Each presentation will be followed by a question-and-answer session. The public may testify in the hearing room starting at 2:00 and 7:30 p.m. Commission staff will be available to answer questions in both rooms at all locations. All three sites are accessible to people in wheelchairs. Any person with a disability who needs additional accommodations should contact, Donna L. Paske at (608) 266-7173.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that people can inform the Commission of their views on the proposed plans in written form. According to s. 196.491(2)(g), Stats., "The presentation of such views need not be under oath nor subject to cross-examination. The Commission shall advise all persons present of their right to express their views orally or in writing, under oath or otherwise and the legal effect of each such form of testimony." The legal effect of each type of testimony is different. Oral testimony may have more value than written testimony. As a result, the Commission recommends that you attend a hearing if possible. Members of the public who do not wish to or are unable to attend one of the public hearings can submit written comments, but the comments must be received before 4:30 p.m. August 10, 1998 (the fax deadline is August 7). At the public hearing, "statement sheets" will be available to use for written comments, which can be turned in at the hearing or mailed to Donna L. Paske, Hearing Examiner, Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 7854, Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7854.

Pursuant to s. 196.491(2)(f), Stats., the Commission has prepared a single environmental assessment covering all the Phase I and Phase II filings and issues. Those who have already requested a copy should receive it with this notice. Others interested in receiving a copy of the assessment should contact Gail Hanson at (608) 267-2896. At this planning stage, environmental effects of proposed facility sites are not specified in the same degree of detail that is required when a utility seeks authority to actually construct a project. Persons wishing to comment on the environmental aspects of AP-8 should send comments to Kathy Zuelsdorff, Electric Division, Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 7854, Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7854, or call her at (608) 266-2730.

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If you intend to participate as a full party and have not already done so, please indicate such interest in writing to Donna L. Paske, Examining Division, Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 7854, Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7854. Full party status must be requested in writing from the Examining Division pursuant to s. PSC 2.32(3), Wis. Adm. Code.

If there are any questions regarding the hearings scheduled in this notice, please call Donna L. Paske, Hearing Examiner, at (608) 266-7173. Other questions regarding this matter may be directed to Nancy Korda, case coordinator, at (608) 267-3599.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, _____

By the Commission.

Edward S. Marion
Chief Hearing Examiner

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